Norfolk District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Dutch Dialogues: Virginia – Life at Sea Level

Coastal Resilient Communities

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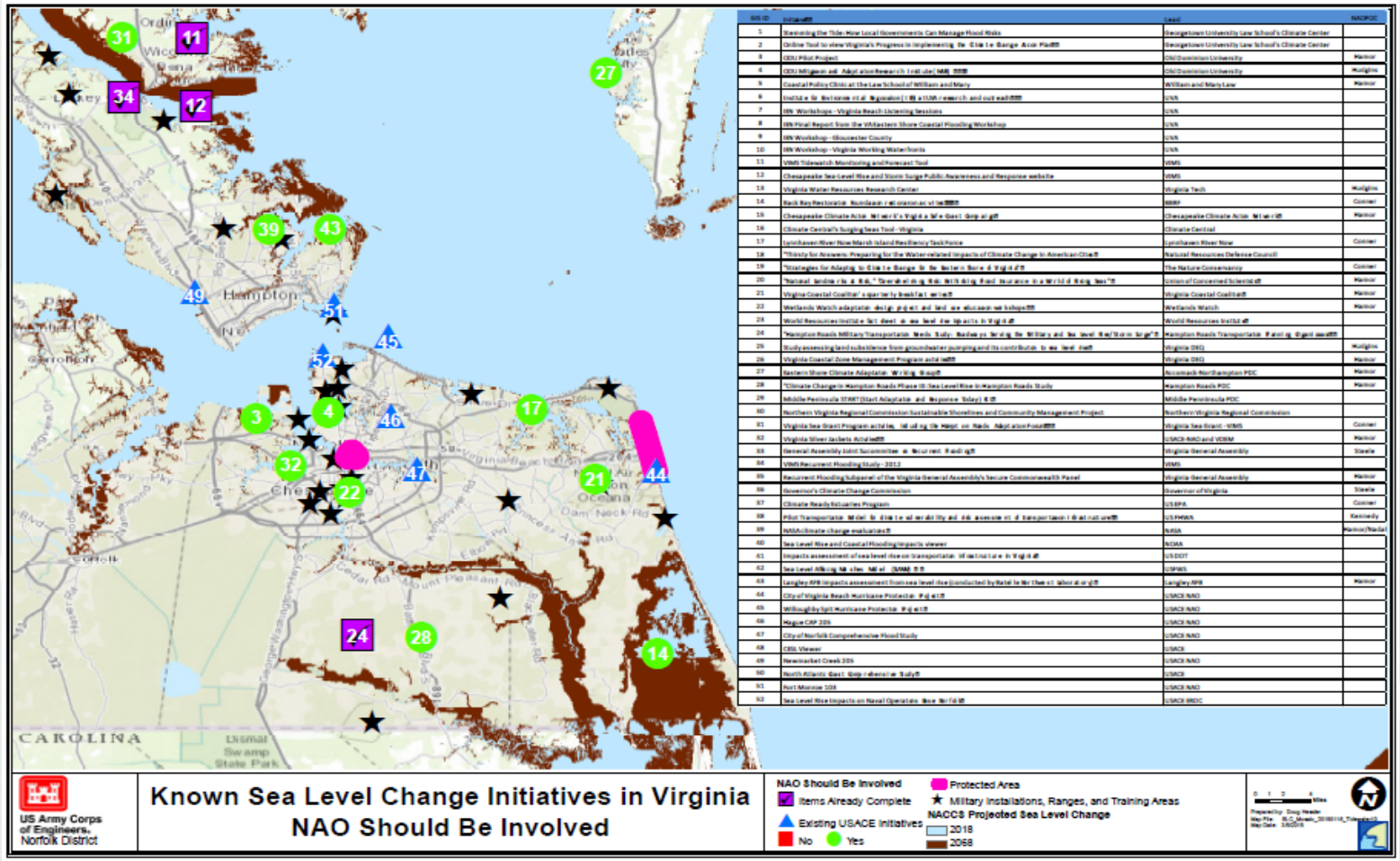
For Context --Three Levels of Effort

I. Tactical - Deliver the Program ($680 Million)
- Construction Program (Military, Civil Works, Other Gov't Agencies
- Regulatory Program

II. Operational - Port Modernization
- 55' + Southern Branch Deepening
- Craney Island Eastern Expansion (CIEE)
- Post Panamex Dredging

III. Strategic - Sea Level Rise and Climate Change (SLR/CC)
- North Atlantic Coast Comprehensive Study (NACCS)
- Whole of Government approach to SLR/CC
- Projects/Studies (Norfolk Comprehensive)

Strategic: Sea Level Rise (SLR)



A detailed view illustrates where the efforts are bringing solutions and where studies need to be done using the NACCS as a framework

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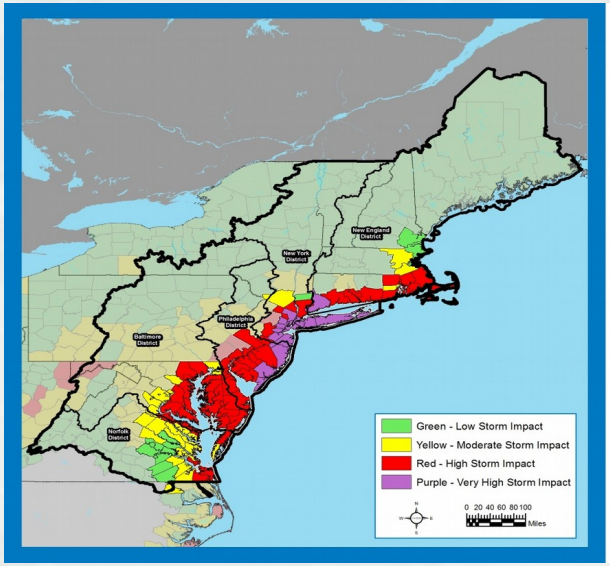
North Atlantic Coastal Comprehensive Study (NACCS)

"That using up to $20,000,000* of the funds provided herein, the Secretary shall conduct a comprehensive study to address the flood risks of vulnerable coastal populations in areas that were affected by Hurricane Sandy within the boundaries of the North Atlantic Division of the Corps …." (*19M after sequestration)

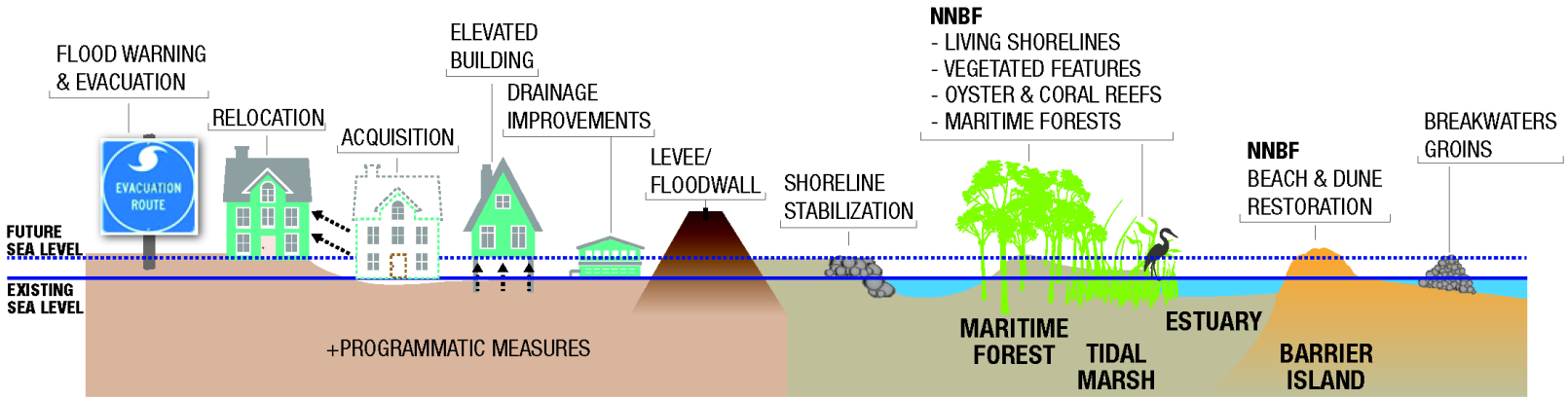


www.nad.usace.army.mil/CompStudy

Goals

- Provides a **Risk Management Framework – not a plan**
- Supports **Resilient Coastal Communities** and robust, sustainable coastal landscape systems
- **Considers future sea level rise scenarios**, to reduce risk to vulnerable population, property, ecosystems, and infrastructure
- Whole of Government Approach

NACCS Describes a Full Spectrum of Projects



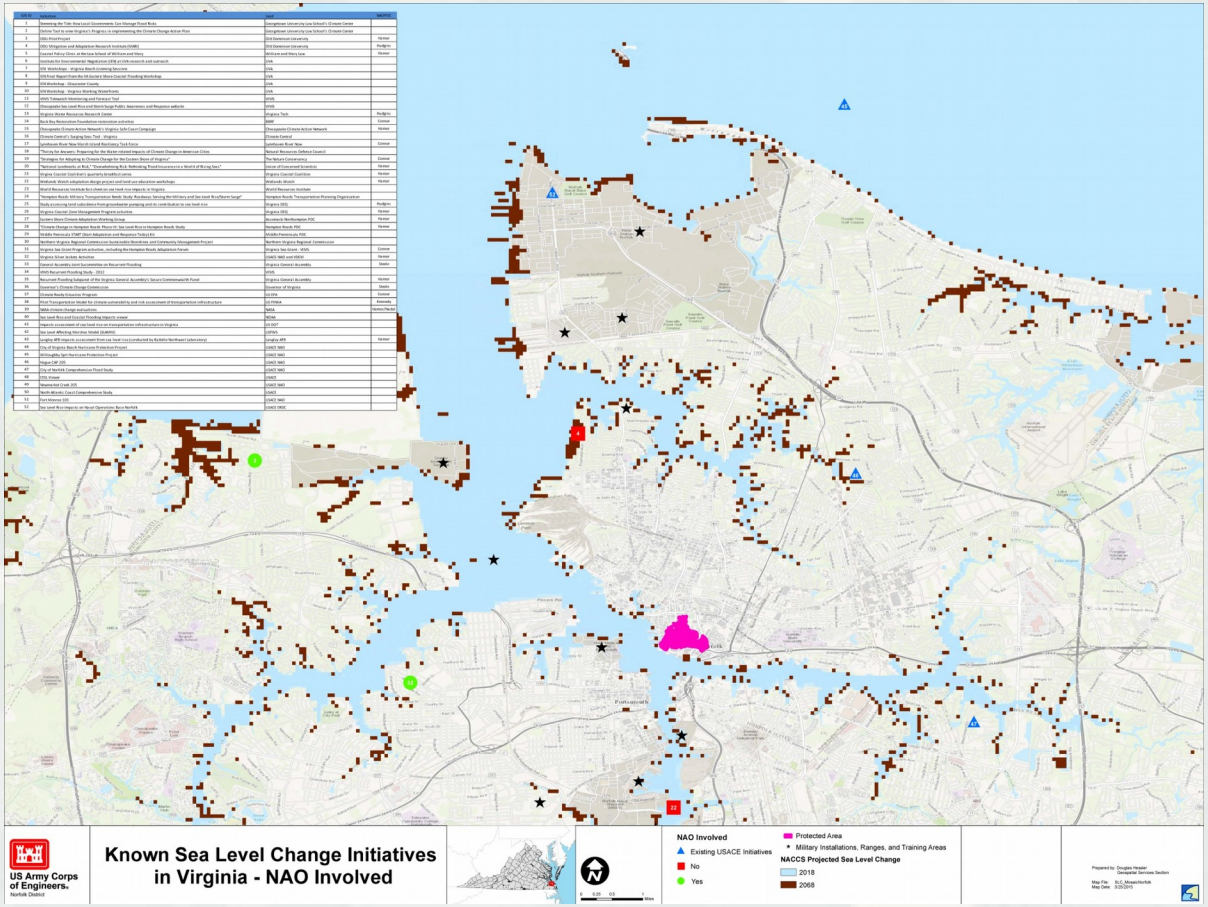
The NACCS Identified Norfolk

NACCS Identified nine focus areas

Three studies were funded for FY16 – one being Norfolk

Norfolk is ready to cost share the study

The Norfolk Study will Authorize “Projects”



Authorized Projects Await Congressional Appropriations and Non Federal Cost Share

Funded Projects are Constructed

Sandbridge Project
Virginia Beach

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“The sea level rise fight starts right here, right now.”
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A Requirement for Leadership

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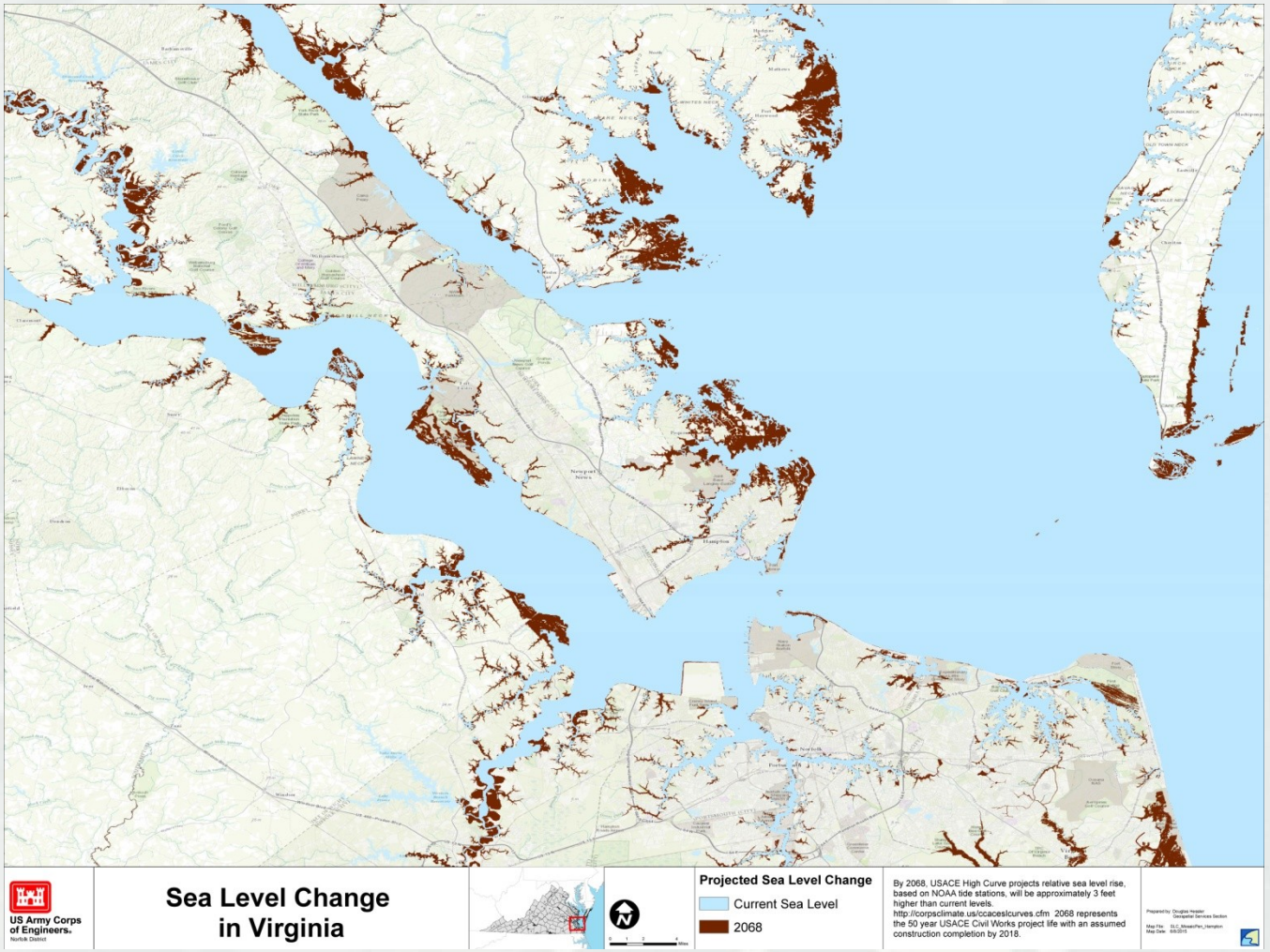

A Geophysical Approach

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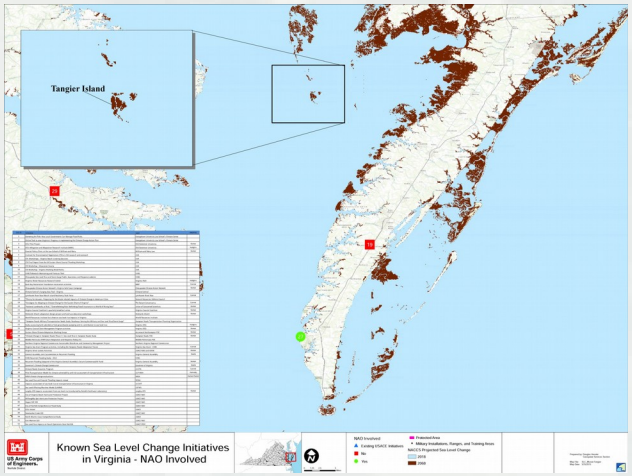

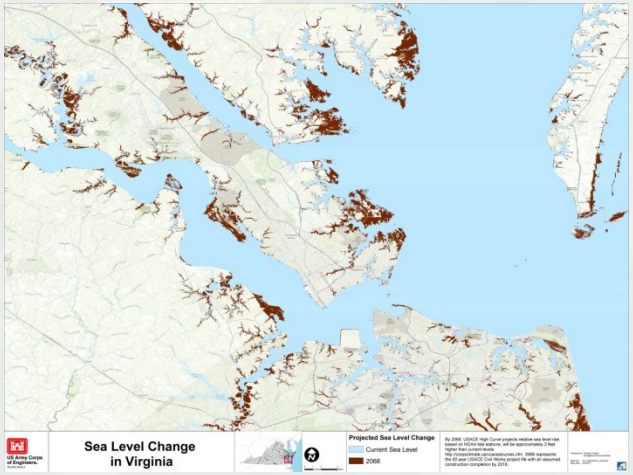

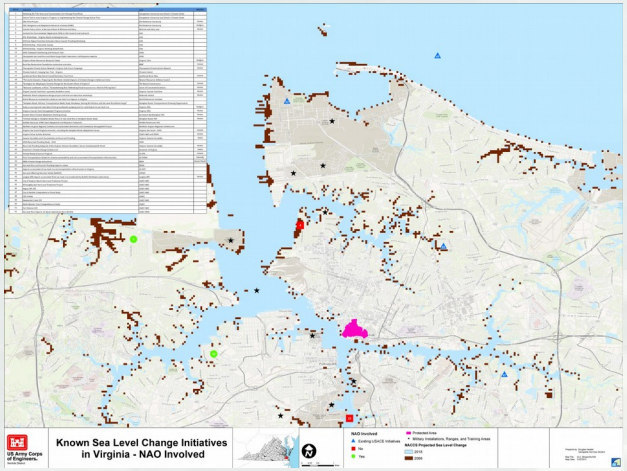

1. Identify Geophysical Regions
2. Prioritize Regions
3. Budget for Study Cost Share ($1.5M ea)
4. Budget for Projects (Studies and Constructi
5. Metrics and Milestones

A Strategic Campaign Plan

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